OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1122

Thursday, *the* *21st November 1946.*
6th Vrischigam 1122.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,) in the Chair.

Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Iyer, Mrs. Dhakshayani Velayudhan, and Messrs. C. N. Ittiravi Namboodiri, Choudhry G. S. Dhara Singh and Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan were absent.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

INTRODUCTION OF WARDHA SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

60. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

has the Government any idea of introducing the Wardha System of Education in Cochin schools?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

No. The scheme is only in its experimental stages in the Provinces of India. The experiments made there are being watched with close interest.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I am modifying the printed answer a bit. It should be "No, not beyond what is contained in the Code Revision Committee's Report."

Mr. K. H. Sulaiman *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government is aware that a majority of Muslims are against this scheme?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I have no information as to that matter.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister is aware of the existence of the only basic school in the State?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I am aware of the existence of one school at Mulakunnathukavu.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know what will be the policy of the Government with regard to this basic school at present existing?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Beyond what is contained in the answer, I cannot just at present say anything; but Government will consider sympathetically any representation made in this behalf.

Mr. F. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know how long has this experimental process been going on in the Provinces of British India on this Wardha scheme?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Not for long, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government of Cochin is aware that the scheme was started as an experiment the very year in which it was published, rather recommended?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* The whole question was considered by the Code Revision Committee and the Report is before the Government and certain recommendations have been accepted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* How long had it been since the experiment was started?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I cannot give an exact answer, but I will accept any statement made by the Hon'ble Member on that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know where the Government has got any information on the question that in more than four Provinces and in those Provinces in very many districts this bas been started?

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I have no exact information. In fact, I am considering the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: So far as the introduction of Wardha scheme of education in Cochin is concerned can we not enter upon that without watching the results, whatever they be on the experimental process that is going on in British India.?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: There is nothing to prevent us but we must take decision and consider the question.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO VADAVUCODE PANCHAYAT

61. Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of nominated members of the Vadavucode Panchayat with dates on which the nomination was made;

(*b*) was any of these nominated members working as a clerk in the same Panchayat at any time before his nomination;

(*c*) if so, who was it and when did he give up that post;

(*d*) what was the remuneration given to him per mensem for his service as a clerk;

(*e*) on what date was the Panchayat meeting held in which he attended first?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: (*a*) 1. Poothakuzhi Ipe Chako—nominated on 15th Edavam 1118.

2. Kolathunayath Vasudevan Kartha—nominated on 15th Chingam 1122.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) to (*e*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur)*: May I know whether those two members are still in the Panchayats?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: I think they must be in the Panchayats because there is no definite information just now.

Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur)*: Answer to question 2 referred that Mr. Kolathunayath Vasudevan Kartha was nominated on 15th Chingam 1122. Was it on the removal of any-body else?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: I want notice for it.

EXPORT OF COCOANUT

62. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the export of cocoanut from the State;

(*b*) would not ten per cent of what is sold sufficient to satisfy the deficit areas;

(*c*) how far the Government have progressed in the matter of meeting the complaints of the public of Chittur in the matter of cocoanuts and cocoanut oil?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue)*:

(*a*) Figures are not available.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

(*c*) The question of distributing cocoanut oil at reduced rates for home consumption is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: What about cocoanuts?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue)*: That will be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vakakkancheri)*: May I know what is the complaint mentioned in question sub-division (c)? How far the Government has progressed in the matter of meeting the complaints of the public of Chittur in the matter of cocoanut and cocoanut oil?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue)*: The complaint is that the prices of cocoanuts and cocoanut oil for household consumption are very great and that some remedy should be found out to minimise the prices of those articles, when paddy is being exported from there for the purpose of the whole of the people of Cochin.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government are in receipt of the resolution of the Talappilli Taluk Advisory Committee on this question of the necessity, the crying necessity, of controlling the prices of cocoanut and cocoanut oil required for home consumption in Cochin State?

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